



BIOGRAPHY

WYOMING AIR NATIONAL GUARD



COLONEL HAROLD E. REED



Colonel Harold E. Reed is the Commander, 153d Airlift Wing, Cheyenne Airport, Wyoming. The 153d Airlift Wing supports the State of Wyoming, the Air National Guard and the United States Air Force. The Wing is equipped with 8, C130H aircraft. Under Col Reed's command are 20 squadrons and over 1200 personnel. In addition to flying missions throughout the world, the Wing also has capabilities for aerial fire fighting (Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System), an aero-medical evacuation response, command and control mission, and air traffic control.

Colonel Reed began his military career with six years of active duty service before joining the 153d Airlift Wing. Colonel Reed completed his undergraduate navigator training in 1975. He was assigned to the 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB,

NC flying the C-130E with the Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System; special qualifications included High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) drop, Low Altitude Platform Extraction System (LAPES), Functional Check Flight, and Special Operations Low Level (SOLL).

Colonel Reed joined the Wyoming Air National Guard in 1980 as a line navigator. He was hired as a full time technician in April of 1986 as Chief Navigator, Standards and Evaluation. Colonel Reed possesses a Master Navigator rating with over 8,000 hours in C-130 aircraft and 200 hours combat flying.

As a civilian, Colonel Reed has held a position as Chief Pilot of a small commuter airline with over 5,500 hours in various aircraft.

Colonel Reed was activated in December 2001 for nine months in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As mission commander, his unit flew combat missions out of Kuwait and Oman. He was chosen to serve as the first Operations Group Commander for the first ever coalition wing at Ganci Air Base, Kyrgystan. In 2003, he also served as the Deputy Director for Mobility Forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MILITARY EDUCATION

- 1971 - Army Airborne Jump School
- 1975 - Undergraduate Navigator Training
- 1975 - C-130 Upgrade Training
- 1975 - 1980 C-130 Training
- 1985 - Squadron Officer's School
- 1986 - Air Command and Staff Course
- 1988 - National Security Management Course

FORMAL EDUCATION

1974 - Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, United States Air Force Academy

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal with three devices
Aerial Achievement Medal with three devices
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and two devices
Combat Readiness Medal with six devices
National Defense Service Medal with two devices
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal with four devices
Air Force Longevity Service with six devices
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device and silver hourglass
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one device
Air Force Training Ribbon
Wyoming National Guard Meritorious Achievement Medal
Wyoming Service Ribbon with XXV device

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Wyoming National Guard Association
National Guard Association of the United States
Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee
Chairman, C-130 Operations Group Council

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant, 5 Jun 74
First Lieutenant, 10 Jun 76
Captain, 12 Apr 80
Major, 20 Mar 87
Lieutenant Colonel, 20 Mar 91
Colonel, 16 Jun 94

Current as of July 2003